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--- PROBLEM IN THE ASIAN REGION

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1. AQUATIC WEED (AW) INFESTATIONS, PARTICULARLY WATER HYACINTHS, HAVE BECOME MAJOR PROBLEM GLOBALLY. EAST ASIAN HYACINTHS, HAVE BECOME MAJOR PROBLEM GLOBALLY. EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES SPONSORED THREE WORKSHOPS IN RECENT MONTHS. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS) CONDUCTED SUCCESSFUL AW CONTROL AND UTILIZATION WORKSHOPS GUYANA, FLORIDA, AND SUDAN RECENTLY. AUGUST 1975, THAILAND PROPOSED AQUATIC WEED CONTROL PROJECT. PID WAS NOT APPROVED BY ASIA BUREAU UNDER CONTENTION PROBLEM WAS GLOBAL AND THEREFORE APPROPRIATE AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BUREAU ACTIVITY.

2. TO DETERMINE MAGNITUDE OF AW PROBLEMS AND PRIORITY WHICH MISSION AND HOST GOVERNMENT ASSIGN TO THEM, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE ADDRESSED TO ASIA BUREAU MISSIONS.

A. IS THERE A RECOGNIZED AW PROBLEM IN LAKES, RIVERS,

CANALS, IRRIGATION DITCHES OR ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS INCLUDING PADDY FIELDS?

B. IS MAGNITUDE OF PROBLEM KNOWN? IS THERE DATA ON ECONOMIC LOSSES, COSTS OF CONTROL, ETC.?

C. DOES MISSION OR HOST GOVERNMENT CONSIDER AW PRIORITY PROBLEM BY AFFECTING WATER TRANSPORTATION, IRRIGATION, AGRICULTURE, OR INSECT BREEDING, ETC.?

D. IS THERE AT PRESENT ANY HOST COUNTRY OR MISSION ACTIVITY ON AW CONTROL AND UTILIZATION?

E. HAVE ANY INFORMAL OR FORMAL REQUESTS BEEN RECEIVED FROM HOST GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE IN AW CONTROL?

F. DOES HOST COUNTRY POSSESS EXPERTISE IN THIS FIELD? CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEIR SCIENTISTS AND INSTITUTIONS?

G. HOW COULD TAB BEST ADDRESS THE PROBLEM E.G., LOCAL EXPERIMENTATION, RESEARCH TOWARD UTILIZING AW AS FODDER OR AS ENERGY SOURCE? WHAT TYPE ACTIVITIES, IF ANY, WOULD THE UNCLASSIFIED

MISSIONS SUPPORT? WOULD THE MISSION CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO A COLLABORATIVE EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT, DEMONSTRATION, OR A WORKSHOP/SEMINAR?

H. WOULD REGIONAL MEETING BE REGARDED USEFUL TO EXPLORE COMMON ASPECTS OF AW PROBLEM USING, E.G., THE NAS JOINT WORKSHOP APPROACH, TO DEVELOP ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS.

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I. WHAT IS AW PROGRAM OF FAO, UNESCO, MAP, IHP, UNEP IN YOUR HOST COUNTRY?

J. WOULD SOLVING AW PROBLEMS BE OF BENEFIT TO RURAL AND URBAN POOR?

3. PLEASE RESPOND ASAP TO TA/AGR/CP. SISCO

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